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### Crop Production: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2005

Crops	Units	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Production (000)
All Tobacco	lbs.	13	3	51,670
Snapbeans, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	11	3	662
Hay, Other	tons	49	4	4,255
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	16	6	1,248
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	17	7	1,120
Squash, Fresh & Processed	cwt.	12	11	83
Sorghum for Grain	bu.	21	13	1,840
Soybeans	bu.	31	16	41,800
Sorghum for Silage	tons.	20	17	15
Corn for Grain	bu.	41	18	77,350
Winter Wheat	bu.	42	25	8,400
Peaches	tons	29	25	2,000
Corn for Silage	tons	48	26	950
Apples	lbs.	35	31	8.5
Hay, Alfalfa	tons	42	31	112

<sup>1</sup> 480 lbs. Net weight bales.

### Livestock Production: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2005

Livestock <sup>2</sup>	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Inventory (000 Head)
Meat Goats	42	2	103
Beef Cows that have calved	50	9	1,110
All Cattle and Calves	50	14	2,240
All Hogs and Pigs	50	24	190
Milk Cows that have calved	50	28	70
Sheep and Lambs	33	31	27
All Chickens excluding Broilers	50	33	2,080

<sup>2</sup> Cattle is as of January 1, 2006. Chickens and hogs are as of December 1, 2005.

### March 17-19 Volunteer Horse Fair "Extreme"-ly Entertaining

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – The Annual Volunteer Horse Fair will be held at Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, March 17-19. Price of admission is \$10 for adults; a family day pass \$25. Friday and Saturday events begin at 9 a.m.; Sunday's events begin with a non-denominational worship service at 9 a.m. The Volunteer Horse Fair is conducted by the Tennessee Horse Council, a not-for-profit organization representing all equine breeds and disciplines. Last year's event drew more than 10,000 equine enthusiasts from Tennessee and surrounding states. The fair features three days of equine entertainment, educational seminars, demonstrations, one of the largest equine tradeshow in the Southeast, breed presentations, contests, and more. For more information, contact the THC office at (615)-217-3118 or visit the Tennessee Horse Council Web site at [www.tnhorsecouncil.com](http://www.tnhorsecouncil.com).

**Chickens: Inventory and Value, Tennessee and United States, December 1, 2004<sup>1</sup> and 2005**

Species	Tennessee			United States		
	2004	2005	% Prev. Year	2004	2005	% Prev. Year
	1,000			1,000		
Chickens, excluding Broilers	2,400	2,080	87	453,599	452,816	100
Total Layers	1,344	1,292	96	343,922	347,917	101
Total Pullets	866	624	72	101,429	96,610	95
Other Chickens, excluding broilers	190	164	86	8,248	8,289	100
Value per Head <sup>2</sup>	6.60	6.60	100	2.48	2.50	101
Total Value	15,840	13,728	87	1,122,923	1,133,558	101

<sup>1</sup>Revised. <sup>2</sup> Dollars.

**Chicken & Eggs:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During January 2005 and 2006**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands			Number		
Alabama	1,872	1,658	9,255	8,946	1,945	1,923
Arkansas	4,582	4,069	15,138	14,351	1,936	1,951
Georgia	11,020	9,923	20,365	19,197	2,121	2,094
North Carolina	3,373	3,442	10,954	11,075	1,981	2,023
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	261,913	265,934	292,152	295,684	2,226	2,247
United States	282,760	285,026	347,864	349,253	2,192	2,211

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>2</sup> Tennessee is included in all other states total.

**Livestock Slaughter:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in January, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, January 2005 and 2006**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	1.3	1.5	1,258	1,373	978	925
Calves	0.1	0.1	72	40	519	537
Hogs	53.7	57.0	26,028	27,205	485	477
Sheep & lambs	0.7	1.0	56	74	75	75
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,527.8	2,641.7	3,189,651	3,385,304	1,262	1,281
Calves	68.0	55.7	22,342	20,463	329	368
Hogs	8,480.0	8,915.7	2,288,913	2,435,864	270	273
Sheep & lambs	208.5	223.7	28,760	32,236	138	144

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

### Trout Sales: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales, 2004 <sup>1</sup>& 2005

Item	Unit	Tennessee		United States	
		2004	2005	2004	2005
12 inches or longer					
Number of head	Thousands	46	84	49,591	55,501
Pounds sold	Thousands	54	90	57,636	59,672
Average value	Dollars per lb.	2.48	2.74	1.03	1.05
Sales	Thousand dollars	134	247	59,397	62,554
Total Sales <sup>2</sup>	Thousand dollars	181	291	66,215	69,054
Number of Operations <sup>3</sup>	Number	14	14	592	601
Selling Trout	Number	7	7	365	346
Distributing Trout	Number	8	7	262	283

<sup>1</sup> Revised. <sup>2</sup> Excludes value of eggs. <sup>3</sup> Number of operations January 1, 2004 and 2005.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., February 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		February 2005	January <sup>1</sup> 2006	February <sup>2</sup> 2006	February 2005	January <sup>1</sup> 2006	February <sup>2</sup> 2006

Dollars Per Unit

#### Field Crops

Corn	bu.	2.05	2.22	2.20	1.95	2.00	2.01
Cotton Lint	lb.	.397	.490	.491 <sup>3</sup>	.383	.486	.483 <sup>3</sup>
Sorghum	cwt.	3.81	2.27	n/a	2.96	3.15	3.27
Soybeans	bu.	5.49	6.01	5.80	5.42	5.88	5.68
Winter Wheat	bu.	<sup>4</sup>	3.28	n/a	3.27	3.45	3.67

#### Livestock

All beef cattle	cwt.	80.00	81.40	81.40	88.80	95.10	92.60
Steers/heifers	cwt.	100.00	105.00	105.00	93.10	102.00	98.10
Cows	cwt.	50.00	46.00	46.00	52.50	47.30	48.50
Calves	cwt.	120.00	127.00	127.00	129.00	141.00	142.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Based on purchases first half of month. <sup>4</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. n/a = not available.

### Hay Prices Received by Farmers, by Month, Tennessee, 2001-2005

Crop Year	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Marketing Year Average <sup>1</sup>
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Dollars Per Ton

#### Alfalfa

2001	115.00	115.00	120.00	120.00	125.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	125.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	123.00
2002	115.00	105.00	105.00	115.00	120.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	116.00
2003	115.00	110.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	120.00	115.00	110.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	110.00	110.00
2004	100.00	100.00	105.00	110.00	110.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	105.00
2005	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	120.00	125.00							117.00

#### All Other

2001	50.00	50.00	49.00	51.00	52.00	51.00	52.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	56.00	57.00	52.00
2002	54.00	54.00	54.00	56.00	58.00	58.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	54.00	55.00	56.00	55.00
2003	52.00	50.00	52.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	52.00	55.00	57.00	55.00	57.00	58.00	54.00
2004	55.00	53.00	50.00	52.00	53.00	52.00	51.00	51.00	50.00	49.00	49.00	51.00	51.00
2005	50.00	51.00	54.00	56.00	55.00	55.00							53.00

#### All

2001	52.00	52.00	51.00	53.00	54.00	53.00	54.00	57.00	57.00	57.00	58.00	59.00	54.00
2002	56.00	55.00	55.00	58.00	56.00	60.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	56.00	57.00	58.00	56.00
2003	54.00	52.00	54.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	54.00	56.00	58.00	56.00	58.00	59.00	55.00
2004	56.00	54.00	52.00	54.00	55.00	54.00	53.00	53.00	52.00	51.00	51.00	52.00	52.00
2005	52.00	53.00	56.00	58.00	58.00	57.00							54.50

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year is May 1 of current year through April 30 of the following year.

## Honey Production

**Tennessee:** Honey production from producers with five or more colonies was 385,000 pounds during 2005, an increase of 19 percent from 2004. The number of honey producing colonies in 2005 was 7 thousand, up one thousand from 2004. Colonies in 2005 produced an average of 55 pounds of honey, a 2 percent increase from the previous year's 54 pounds. Honey on hand December 15, 2005, was up from the previous year to 92 thousand pounds. Producers received a price of \$1.64 per pound, 9 cents lower than the previous year, for a value of production of \$631,000.

**United States:** Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Stocks, Price, Value, and Tennessee 1996-2005<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Colonies of Bees	Honey Production Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound <sup>2</sup>	Value of Production	Honey Stocks on Hand for Sale Dec. 15 <sup>3</sup>
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
1996	5	64	320	154	493	90
1997	7	62	434	147	638	126
1998	7	64	448	132	591	121
1999	8	51	408	130	530	106
2000	9	61	549	143	785	70
2001	8	59	472	139	656	149
2002	8	61	488	140	683	140
2003	6	40	240	152	365	46
2004	6	54	324	173	561	91
2005	7	55	385	164	631	92

<sup>1</sup> Producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. <sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by sales. <sup>3</sup> Stocks held by producers.

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